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Miss Effa Manley  
c/o Herald News  
130 West Kinney Street  
Newark, N. J.

Dear Miss Manley:

Officials of the Army and Navy Relief Societies this week enthusiastically indorse a suggestion that teams from the Negro National or American Baseball League play a game at Yankee Stadium or some other park and contribute the proceeds to the relief fund of the two organizations.

We can think of no finer gesture that Negro baseball could make than to participate in this program which will mean so much to the fighting men of our armed forces.

We know that Negroes are doing fine work in helping the war effort, but feel that the time is here when they should initiate something and see it through. The promotion of a baseball game seems to offer an excellent starting point.

Democracy is certainly not a one-way proposition. We are constantly demanding more of the benefits our country affords; we cannot, therefore, justly escape our obligations.

Let us have your suggestions and reaction at once since we are eager to announce the definite program by next week.

Yours very truly,

*Julius J. Adams*  
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